Madras Retiring and Invalid Gratuities (Non-pensionable Establishment) Rules, 1941, and Compassionate Gratuities Rules. He has since submitted draft rules and these are under the consideration of the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will now take five more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Appointment of Collectors.

* 485 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether a list of officers eligible for promotion as Collectors was submitted by the Madras State to the Recruitment Board of the Government of India in 1949;

(b) whether this list was approved by the Government of India and promotions were made for two years as per this list;

(c) whether this list was subsequently given up and promotions made outside this list; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) This Government did not submit any list of names of officers for promotion as Collectors to the Special Recuitment Board. Appointments to posts of District Collectors are made by promotion from among the officers of the Indian Administrative Service cadre arranged in the order of seniority. Normally, State Civil Service officers are promoted from the panel of Deputy Collectors considered suitable for appointment to posts of Collectors Grade or of equivalent rank. The panel is prepared by the Government and is based on the periodical confidential reports of Collectors and the personal knowledge of the Members of the Board of Revenue.

" (b) to (d) Do not arise."

Vaigai Reservoir Project.

* 487 Q.—SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR (on behalf of Sri K. Mookkiah Thevar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the stage at which the Vaigai Scheme stands;

(b) whether the anicut work has been started;

(c) if so, the total number of workers employed in the work and the total number of workers employed from the affected villages of the anicut;

(d) whether any representation has been received by the Government from the affected villages of the anicut; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?